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1. Since the middle of December 1950 approximately four thousand Russians in civilian clothing arrived in Vidin. An unknown number of Russians also in civilian clothing debarked from ships at Ruse and Lom. A small number of these Russians remained there; the others were transported to the south.

2. At Varna and Burgas an estimated two Soviet divisions, including at least three armored regiments, have debarked. The amount of materiel which was also unloaded at this time was greater than necessary for the troops which landed. The majority of these troops went to Sliven and at present have their quarters in the forests and villages around Kotel, about 25 kilometers north of Sliven.

3. In early December 1950 twenty-eight houses in the Haskovo area were requisitioned and occupied by Russian soldiers. At the same time approximately fifty houses were requisitioned north of Ruse on the Danube River. Some of these houses were occupied by Soviet civilians; the remainder are being kept available in expectation of the arrival of Russian soldiers.

4. In the Ruse area air raid shelters are being built as quickly as possible.

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